

# St. George Orthodox Church

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**Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!***

**المسيح قام! حقا قام!**

**Welcome to St. George!** Thank you for attending today's Divine Services. If you are a first-time visitor, please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you after liturgy, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship! Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy.

**Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion for Orthodox Christians:** Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command *to eat His Body and drink His Blood*. In order to be properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should fast (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and striving to always love God and their neighbor. Frequent communion and regular confession are recommended for all faithful Orthodox Christians.

**For other Christians:** We welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately, we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (*antidoron*) which will be given when coming forward to venerate (kiss) the Holy Cross and receive the final blessing from the priest. Again, welcome!

## **Live Streaming of Divine Services**

St. George is open for all parishioners and visitors. If you cannot attend, please pray with us through our livestream which can be seen on our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintGeorgeOrthodoxChurchFlintMI>

If you have a smart TV, you actually have a web browser and YouTube app built in. All you have to do is start the browser app for YouTube and put the link in the address bar.

# Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)

## BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for our students who are celebrating the day of their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

- **Ava Mitri** ~ May 28<sup>th</sup>

*May they be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}*

- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Archbishop Nathaniel** (Romanian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America), our **Bishop Anthony, Fr. Joe Abud, Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Reader Fouad & Soad Abuaita, Philip & Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami & Shafiq Abuaitah, Laila Abud, George Abueita, Georgette Abueita, Jane Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, Khaled Al-Khouri, William Alshouri, Naila Banna, Douglas Coone, Vera Daoud, Said Farah, Joseph Gagne, Elias Gantos, Phyllis Good, Ronald Haddad, Daisy Isaac, John Joseph, Danny Mortensen, Karen Mortensen, Aida Nassar, Laura Nassar, Jeanette Nassif, Adam Odeh, Nimer Rishmawi, Elaine Shaheen, and Michael Silpoch**; your servants **Jaden Turner, Evan Sandford, and Maria Kirk** who are in catechism (under instruction) to become members of our Orthodox Faith; **Devin and Danielle Bathish** who were united in the *Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Peter Georgios** (+April 28<sup>th</sup>, uncle of Ban Al-Kahush) and **Georgiana Daugherty** (+May 10<sup>th</sup>, friend of Fr. Michael) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- We also pray for our Expectant Parents: **Liana and Hanna Abuaita, Stephanie and Nadim Burbar, and Natania and Rene Hanna**.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs, thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> ~ sign-up poster and hosting information are in the Lounge. *Hosting includes bringing whatever you wish to serve, setting up, and cleaning up afterwards.* St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$30. **For more information**, please contact our coordinator Manal Abuaita 810-577-0028.

FR. JOE UPDATE I finished the 4<sup>th</sup> Round of Chemo and 30 radiation treatments this week. A PET Scan is scheduled for late June to see what the treatments have done. I want you to know my Immune System is compromised which means I need to stay away from everyone so I don't catch anything which my body cannot fight off. This is why I leave church early, when I'm here, wearing a mask as to not start hugging and kissing you all ~ which I want to do, but right now I can't. Please don't take it personally as I love you all and am so thankful for all of your love and continued prayers. May God bless and be with you always! Love, Fr. Joe

**CATECHISM (INSTRUCTION) CLASSES:** Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30–5pm. These classes are for those who are under instruction to become Orthodox ~ basically an introduction to the Orthodox Faith. All are invited to participate to learn or refresh your knowledge of our faith. The book which will be used is [The Orthodox Faith, Worship and Life by Hieromonk Gregorios of Mt. Athos](#). For more information or to signup, please contact Fr. Michael (989-627-9580 or [frdmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdmike@gmail.com))

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be \$7,588 to meet our 2024 Budget. On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, our offerings were \$4,637: we were short \$2,951! 😞 **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!** If you have not already, fill out your *2024 Offering Form*, put it in Sunday's Offering Tray or send it to the church (5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507). May God bless you for supporting His parish of St. George and offering as He wants for our salvation!

## COMING EVENTS

**Fasting Discipline** During this Paschal Season, we do not fast until the **Ascension of our Lord into Heaven** (40 days after Pascha) on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Monday           **Memorial Day** ~ office closed

Saturday       **Baking Kaak** 10am

**Great Vespers and First Confessions of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class** 4pm

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## **The Paschal Egg ~ The Tradition of the Paschal Egg**

*by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington*

There is a beautiful tradition within the life of the Church for believers to have, as their last meal before beginning the Great Lenten Fast, a hard-boiled egg, white in color. This egg represents our sinful nature, and we eat this egg with the hope that the Lenten journey will bring us to repentance, and make us worthy to receive the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The great and holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, equal to the apostles, during a dinner with the emperor Tiberius Caesar, was speaking about Christ's resurrection. Caesar scoffed at her, saying that a man could rise from the dead no more than the egg in her hand could turn red. Immediately, the egg turned red. This is believed to be an explanation for dyeing eggs red at Pascha.

At the end of Matins, during the Paschal service, the priest hands out a red egg, symbolizing the blood of Christ, to each worshiper. At the beginning of the Paschal feast, following the Midnight Liturgy, believers break the Lenten Fast by again eating an egg.

As we hit our red eggs together, while saying, "Christ is Risen", we are symbolically proclaiming the truth that Christ, by his death and holy resurrection, broke the bonds and power of death. The breaking of the eggs represents the opening of the tomb, and the crashing of the doors of hades, with Christ destroying the power of darkness and death, forever!

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(Behind Kohl's) Between Linden and Dye Roads

# MIDDLE EASTERN LUNCH

Thursday, June 13, 2024  
11am-2pm

## **Lunch includes:**

Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew (*Yahnee*), Rice, Hummus,  
Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a Bottled Water

**\*Vegetarian Plate available\***

**Cost is \$17 per meal**

**Free Delivery with eight (8) or more lunches!**

**For more information & free deliveries call: St. George at 810-732-0720**

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# BAKE SALE ORDER FORM

**DEADLINE for orders is June 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Item	Number of Dozens	Price (\$20 per dozen)
Kibbee Balls		
Meat Pies		
Spinach Pies		
Date Cookies ( <i>Kaak</i> )		
TOTAL		

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Pick-up Time \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Hiam Bathish or the Church Office!**

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